Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   Claim 1 (currently amended): A receiver controlled method for processing
2 at least one document, said method comprising the steps of:
3   (a)   providing at least one processing step to be performed on said at
4   least one document;
5   (b)   providing at least one document classification to be associated with
6   an at least one document processing profile;
7   (c)   <u>providing at least one document subclassification;</u>
8   <u>(d)</u>   creating said at least one document processing profile by
9   associating at least one of said at least one processing steps
10   therewith; and
11   <u>(e)</u>   ~~(d)~~ associating each at least one document classification with
12   one of said at least one ~~of said at least one~~ document processing
13   profile.
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1   Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one
2 processing step is a predefined step.
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1   Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one
2 processing step is a step defined by said receiver.
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1   Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said at

2   least one processing step is selected from a group consisting of:

3   (a)   storing a printed copy of said document in a document file;

4   (b)   storing said document in a memory;

5   (c)   storing a copy of said document in a second memory;

6   (d)   sending a copy of said document to another recipient;

7   (e)   printing said document;

8   (f)   sending a confirmation message to the sender of said document;

9   (g)   converting an image of said document into a text document;

10   (h)   searching a text document for key words;

11   (i)   creating index entries for said document;

12   (j)   requiring that said document be encrypted;

13   (k)   decoding an encrypted document;

14   (l)   requiring that said document be sent in a specified format;

15   (m)   requiring the use of specified scanner settings;

16   (n)   requiring transmission of said document using a specified method;

17   (o)   requiring that said document be sent from a specified location;

18   (p)   requiring that said document identifier be entered before

19   transmission of said document;

20   (q)   requiring that a password be entered before transmission of said

21   document;

22   (r)   requiring that a public encryption key be entered before

23   transmission of said document;

24   (s)   requiring that a document be retransmitted if a transmission fails;

25   and

26   (t)   requiring that a digital watermark be placed in a document.

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1   Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of

2   assigning an identifier to each said at least one document classification.

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1   Claim 6 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, further

2   comprising the step of associating said at least one processing step with each said at

3   least one document subclassification.

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1   Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, further

2   comprising the step of assigning an identifier to each said at least one document

3   subclassification.

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1   Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of

2   associating a document classification identifier representing said at least one document

3   classification to said document.

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1   Claim 10 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 11 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 12 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 13 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 14 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 15 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 16 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 17 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 18 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 19 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 20 (new): A receiver controlled method for processing at least one

2 document, said method comprising the steps of:

3   (a)   providing at least one processing step to be performed on said at

4   least one document;

5   (b)   providing at least one document classification to be associated with

6   an at least one document processing profile;

7   (c)   creating said at least one document processing profile by

8   associating at least one of said at least one processing steps

9   therewith;

10   (d)   associating each at least one document classification with one of

11   said at least one document processing profile;

12   (e)   assigning a document classification identifier to each said at least

13   one document classification;

14   (f)   providing access to at least one document classification identifier to

15   a sender, said sender printing said at least one document

16   classification identifier on a document to be sent as a sent

17   document using a digital scanner and transceiver;

18   (g)   receiving said sent document with said at least one document

19   classification identifier printed thereon;

20   (h)   reading and decoding said at least one document classification

21   identifier on said sent document; and

22   (i)   processing said sent document according to processing steps

23   associated with said at least one document classification identifier.

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1   Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said at least one

2 processing step is a predefined step.

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1   Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said at least one

2 processing step is a step defined by said receiver.

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1   Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said at least one

2 processing step is selected from a group consisting of:

3   (a)   storing a printed copy of said document in a document file;

4   (b)   storing said document in a memory;

5   (c)   storing a copy of said document in a second memory;

6   (d)   sending a copy of said document to another recipient;

7   (e)   printing said document;

8   (f)   sending a confirmation message to the sender of said document;

9   (g)   converting an image of said document into a text document;

10   (h)   searching a text document for key words;

11   (i)   creating index entries for said document;

12   (j)   requiring that said document be encrypted;

13   (k)   decoding an encrypted document;

14   (l)   requiring that said document be sent in a specified format;

15   (m)   requiring the use of specified scanner settings;

16   (n)   requiring transmission of said document using a specified method;

17   (o)   requiring that said document be sent from a specified location;

18   (p)   requiring that said document identifier be entered before

19   transmission of said document;

20   (q)   requiring that a password be entered before transmission of said

21   document;

22   (r)   requiring that a public encryption key be entered before

23   transmission of said document;

24   (s)   requiring that a document be retransmitted if a transmission fails;

25   and

26   (t)   requiring that a digital watermark be placed in a document.

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1   Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said step of processing

2 said sent document according to processing steps associated with said at least one

3 document classification identifier further comprises the step of routing said sent

4 document according to processing steps associated with said at least one document

5 classification identifier.

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1   Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said step of processing

2 said sent document according to processing steps associated with said at least one

3 document classification identifier further comprises the step of transforming said sent

4 document according to processing steps associated with said at least one document

5 classification identifier.

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1   Claim 26 (new): A receiver controlled method for processing at least one

2 document, said method comprising the steps of:

3   (a)   at a receiver:

4   (i)   providing at least one processing step to be performed on

5   said at least one document;

6   (ii)   providing at least one document classification to be

7   associated with an at least one document processing profile;

8   (iii)   creating said at least one document processing profile by

9   associating at least one of said at least one processing steps

10   therewith;

11		(iv)	associating each at least one document classification with
12			one of said at least one document processing profile;
13		(v)	assigning a document classification identifier to each said at
14			least one document classification;
15		(vi)	providing access to at least one document classification
16			identifier to a sender;
17	(b)		said sender incorporating said at least one document classification
18			identifier with a document to be sent as a sent document using a
19			digital scanner and transceiver;
20	(c)		at said receiver:
21		(i)	receiving said sent document with said at least one
22			document classification identifier printed thereon;
23		(ii)	reading and decoding said at least one document
24			classification identifier on said sent document; and
25		(iii)	processing said sent document according to processing
26			steps associated with said at least one document
27			classification identifier.
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1   Claim 27 (new): The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one
2 processing step is a predefined step.
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1   Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one
2 processing step is a step defined by said receiver.
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1   Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one
2 processing step is selected from a group consisting of:
3   (a) storing a printed copy of said document in a document file;
4   (b) storing said document in a memory;
5   (c) storing a copy of said document in a second memory;

6   (d)   sending a copy of said document to another recipient;

7   (e)   printing said document;

8   (f)   sending a confirmation message to the sender of said document;

9   (g)   converting an image of said document into a text document;

10   (h)   searching a text document for key words;

11   (i)   creating index entries for said document;

12   (j)   requiring that said document be encrypted;

13   (k)   decoding an encrypted document;

14   (l)   requiring that said document be sent in a specified format;

15   (m)   requiring the use of specified scanner settings;

16   (n)   requiring transmission of said document using a specified method;

17   (o)   requiring that said document be sent from a specified location;

18   (p)   requiring that said document identifier be entered before
19   transmission of said document;

20   (q)   requiring that a password be entered before transmission of said
21   document;

22   (r)   requiring that a public encryption key be entered before
23   transmission of said document;

24   (s)   requiring that a document be retransmitted if a transmission fails;
25   and

26   (t)   requiring that a digital watermark be placed in a document.

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1   Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 26, wherein said step of processing

2   said sent document according to processing steps associated with said at least one

3   document classification identifier further comprises the step of routing said sent

4   document according to processing steps associated with said at least one document

5   classification identifier.

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1   Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 26, wherein said step of processing

2   said sent document according to processing steps associated with said at least one

3   document classification identifier further comprises the step of transforming said sent

4   document according to processing steps associated with said at least one document

5   classification identifier.

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